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by representatives of the different bodies and interests connected with the University, and by representative of sister institutions. The topics were naturally those connected with the past history and present state of the University; and the part which its Governors, Principal and Fellows, its Benefactors and its Graduates, had taken in elevating it to its present condition, and in advancing the interests of Education. As to the future, the evening was signalised by the announcement of the intention of Peter Redpath, Esq., one of the governors, to erect a costly and capacious museum building on the College grounds, and that of the Principal to place therein as a gift to the University his own large geological collections, and the further announcement that the Graduates propose to commemorate the twenty-fifth year of the Principal's tenure of office by the creation of a University fund or the erection of a University building to bear his name.

The speakers on points more directly relating to McGill, were the Hon. Judge Day, Chancellor; Mr. P. Redpath, Hon. Judge Dunkin, Dr. E. T. Meredith, Dr. Campbell, Prof. Trenholme, Dr. Johnson, Prof. Bovey, Mr. R. A. Ramsay, Dr. Chamberlin, Hon. Dr. Church, and Hon. Mr. Lynch. The addresses of these gentlemen were replete with reminiscences of the olden time, new to many of the younger auditors, as well as with auguries and projects for the future.

Of the original Board of Governors, under the New Charter, only four members now survive. One of them, Mr. Davidson, has resigned his office, having removed to Scotland. The three others were present; namely, the Chancellor, Hon. Senator Ferrier, and Hon. Judge Dunkin. Of these the senior in appointment is Mr. Ferrier, who was a member of the Board of Royal Institution under the Old Charter, and is consequently the oldest member of the governing body of the University. Rev. Archdeacon Leach, the senior member of the corps of Instructors, was prevented by illness from being present.

Of the graduates present nearly one hundred came from different parts of Canada and the United States to be present at the entertainment, while hundreds of others, unable to leave their homes sent letters breathing a spirit of warm affection for their *alma mater*. Among those present there were many who have attained to high positions in public and professional life. The Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Robitaille, is a medical graduate of 1858. The Hon. Mr. Lynch, his Solicitor General, is a Bachelor of Civil Law and Gold Medallist of 1868. The Hon. Dr. Church, late Treasurer of the province, and President of the Graduates' Society, is a medical graduate of 1857. A large number of other names might be mentioned